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1. USG POSITION GIVEN IN REFTEL WAS PRESENTED LATE 8/12 TO MOFA
OFFICIALS MATSUSHIRO HORIGUCHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SPECIALIZED

AGENCIES DIVISION, UN BUREAU, AND TAKAHIKO HORIMURA, ECONOMIC DIVISION, UN BUREAU. FORMER IS SPECIALIST WIPO MATTERS, LATTER UNCTAD AFFAIRS. THEY WERE NOT AVAILABLE EARLIER. NEITHER OFFICIAL HAD HEARD OF POSSIBILITY OF PARIS CONVENTION REVISION COMING UP AS PROPOSAL AT CURRENT TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB) MEETING. Horiguchi was most sympathetic to US approach, i.e., trying to get subject of legal and technical aspects of revision of Paris Convention removed from consideration by UNCTAD experts group, in favor of WIPO study. Horimura took somewhat different tack, pointing out that UNCTAD TDB established group of experts at its 9/74 meeting by consensus of members and that it would be difficult at this late date to interfere too much with operation of experts group. He said that he had received provisional agenda for 9/1 meeting of experts group but like US had not received any papers for discussion from UNCTAD secretariat, and therefore believed that not much would be accomplished at meeting. He also suggested that TDB meeting in progress now not be permitted to discuss substantive matters concerning work of experts group, and should be limited to procedural matter only; latter could not be avoided since TDB had already agreed to setting up experts group, and group of 77 could not be constrained from presenting their views.

2. BASED ON ABOVE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOJ WOULD AT MINIMUM, SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT OF 9/1 EXPERTS MEETING ON GROUNDS THAT INSUFFICIENT TIME IS AVAILABLE TO STUDY ANY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PAPERS. SOME (PERHAPS SLIGHT) DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN TWO MOFA OFFICIALS ON ROLE OF UNCTAD VIS-A-VIS WIPO ON PARIS CONVENTION INDICATES MATTER HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED INTERNALLY. AFTER HAVING GIVEN MOFA A NIGHT'S TIME TO DELIBERATE INTERNALLY, EMBASSY WILL TRY AGAIN 8/13 TO SOLICIT JAPAN'S JOINING A COMMON GROUP B POSITION ON RESTRAINING UNCTAD TDB FROM INSTITUTING WORK ON REVISION OF PARIS CONVENTION IN EXPERTS GROUP.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING ASAP FROM GENEVA ANY VIEWS ON GOJ POSITION OBTAINED FROM GOJ MISSION THERE, OR ON STATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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